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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIRCRAFT EXPORT PROMOTION

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1. PRESENT LESOTHO AIRCRAFT INVENTORY (ALL OWNED BY LESOTHO AIRWAYS) CONSISTS OF TWO BRITTEN-NORMAN ISLANDERS AND SIX CESSNAS (1 MODEL 180, 4 MODEL 206S, 1 MODEL 337). UNDERSTAND ISLANDER PURCHASES, WHICH MADE IN LAST YEAR, RESULT OF POOR CESSNA ATTENTION AND BELIEF THAT ISLANDER THE RIGHT HIGH-PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT FOR LESOTHO'S GROWING INTERNAL SERVICE.

2. PLANS FOR EXTERNAL LESOTHO AIRWAYS SERVICE TO JOHANNESBURG NOW CENTER AROUND PURCHASE OF BRITTEN-NORMAN TRISLANDER, REPLACING EARLIER FIRST CHOICE BEECHCRAFT 99. LOCAL OFFICIALS FELT BEECH NOT ADEQUATELY INTERESTED IN SALE (SEE STATE 82461, 18838 AND OTHER STATE AND MASERU CABLES REFERRED TO THEREIN). LESOTHO AIRWAYS CONSIDERS TRISLANDERS PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE NOW BECAUSE OF HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PARTS COMPATIBLE WITH ISLANDERS.

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